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## PATENT APPLICATION

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Attention: DO/EO/US

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**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** 

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to substantive examination, please amend the claims as follows:

- 12. (Amended) The apparatus of [any preceding claim] <u>claim 1</u> wherein the fiber optic network includes a closed loop optical fiber, one of the first-mentioned nodes and at least one of the second nodes coupled to the closed loop optical fiber.
- 13. (Amended) The apparatus of [any preceding claim] <u>claim 1</u> wherein the fiber optic network includes two closed loop optical fibers for carrying the first optical signal in opposite directions, each node being coupled to both optical fibers.
- 14. (Amended) The apparatus of [any preceding claim] <u>claim 1</u> wherein the two closed loop optical fibers also carry the third optical signal in the two opposite directions.

Please add claims 15-20 as follows: